Assessment and accreditation in respect of Open Universities

1162. SHRI VIJAY J. DADRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of the Assessment and Accreditation conducted by the IGNOU in respect of Open Universities;

(b) whether such an Assessment and Accreditation has also been conducted by the UGC in respect of regular Universities; and

(c) if so, what are its salient points and how far these assessment studies improved the level and conduct of Universities Education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) According to the information furnished by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), the assessment and accreditation of six State Open Universities have so far been done by visiting teams of eminent experts. While four Universities have shown significant progress in expansion of distance education, the remaining two need to strengthen the system.

(b)Yes, Sir.The Assessment and Accreditation of regular Universities is conducted by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), an autonomous institutions of University Grants Commission (UGC).

(c) 98 Universities have been assessed and accredited by NAAC so far. The peer-team reports of the respective universities highlight the strengths and areas of concern for improvement in each such University. As a follow up, the Universities have set up Internal Quality Assurance Cells and have taken up Quality sustenance activities.

Conditions of hostels in Government Colleges

1163. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the hostels provided for Government Colleges in small towns are in a pathetic conditions;